SUBJECT: ATTENTION - VENDORS OF PRESSURE RELIEF VALVES USED ON PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS

DESC: The Environmental Technology Verification Program (ETV), in existence since 1995, is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development. It was funded by the Congress in response to the belief that there are many viable environmental technologies available that are underutilized due to the lack of credible third-party performance testing. Southern Research Institute operates one of thirteen ETV Verification Organizations, the Greenhouse Gas Technology Verification Center (GHG Center), in partnership with the EPA's Air Pollution Prevention and Control Division. The mission of the GHG Center is to provide third-party performance verification to vendors and others that need reliable performance information on greenhouse gas control technologies and emission monitoring devices.

The ETV-GHG Center is currently accepting applications from candidates wishing to submit technologies for performance testing. Vendors or others with technologies that fit the following category are welcomed to apply for independent third-party verification testing: controlling and reducing losses due to over pressurization from storage vessels containing petroleum, petroleum products, natural gas, or other hydrocarbons. Performance parameters to be tested may include, pressure set point to vent, emissions released when venting occurs, emissions released when in the non-venting mode and applicability to control greenhouse gas emissions. Vendors are required to provide their device for the duration of the test, and are also required to offset verification testing costs through cash and in-kind contributions. Vendors with commercial technologies wishing to participate in these tests should complete and submit a pre-application available on the Center's Web site: www.sri-rtp.com/index.html,   or by contacting Brian Phillips at the Center at 919-403-0282.